

I am writing to oppose allowing further concentration of ownership in the broadcast media.

The media has an essential role to play in our democracy. A healthy democracy requires a robust dialog, spanning the full spectrum of viewpoints, and the full range of issues facing the people and their government. It is the media's role to provide the forum where these view and issues can be aired. Concentration of ownership is inherently inconsistent with that role.

It should be obvious that any one media organization will have its own agendas, in particular, the political positions of those in charge and the financial interests of the organization, its officers, and of organizations with which it has significant financial ties. It is only through having many such organizations, with divergent interests, that the full range of discourse can be achieved.

The broadcast spectrum provides ample room for such a diversity of voices, but only if all the voices don't emanate from just a handful of mouths.

I beg you please, not to allow few companies to own more media sources than currently allowed. They should actually own less and lawsuits should be filed now against companies like clear channel communications for propagating war crimes without an appropriate public discourse. The fact that clearchannel is very blatantly choosing one side on these issues, and then broadcasting them on their mainstream stations and primetime news talk shows, reveals what further media consolidation will do. I oppose cross ownership, and I oppose interenet regulation of any kind. The freedom of man's thought will set him finally FREE. Let our collective consious grow, without a few agenda driven, financeers to lead us. Let the people lead, who are affected daily by this vote. Thank you